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MODERN INFIDELITY:

Or the Principles of Atheism Exposed and Refuted.

A POEM.

Inscribed to a Friend. [illegible] of Virginia, lately [illegible]

The Fool hath said in his Heart, there is no God. Psal.

Dear Sir,

TO You, [illegible] Mo[illegible]
Has long [illegible]
Tracks [illegible] Course;
And [illegible] curb,
To you, [illegible] Doubt, no Fear, no Pain's disturb;
Who, led by sacred Truth's unerring Clue,
Substantial Bliss and real Good pursue;
Undeviating tread the Maze of Life,
Thro' various Wilds of Error, Guilt, and Strife;
To you, whose *cordial Friendship* sooths my Cares,
And animates the Joys my Bolom shares,
Th'imperfect Transcript of some Thoughts I send,
Conceiv'd more justly than accurately pen'd.
If you approve, let snarling *Sceptics* rage,
And vent their muddy Spleen on ev'ry Page;
Should they vouchsafe to stigmatize my Lays,
I'll humbly take it for a kind of Praise,
Truth only to her Sons is truly known,
Rever'd and patroniz'd by them alone,
Is chiefly to be found in rural Cells,
Where silent, peaceful Contemplation dwells;
Where Meekness reigns, celestial *Virtue* guides,
And calm, serene Tranquillity resides.
Undoubtedly, no Latitude of Place
Can from the *Wise* and *Virtuous* screen her Face:
Whatever Sphere of busy Life they fill,
Th'immortal Nymph attends and charms them still.
Consult the Dictates of your faithful Breast,
Your sage Experience will this Truth attest.
Whether your Eye surveys the splendid Court,
Where fawning *Sycophants* in Crowds resort;
Or to some humble Roof your Steps incline,
Where all the Charms of Godlike *Virtue* shine;
Whether you mingle with the City Throng,
And 'midst incessant Clamours shove along:
O'er *Nature*'s various Face extend your Views,
Or in your peaceful Closet court the Muse;
Truth, ever present, all around you shines,
Directs your Judgement, and your Sense refines.
Adjusts the various Schemes of *Wrong* and *Right*,
And points the Centre where all *Truths* unite.
Thus, guided by the bright celestial Ray,
The grave, discerning *Few*, direct their Way.
No false Positions, wrap'd in Truth's Disguise
Can strike them with Illusion, or Surprize.
No artful Sophistry, no smooth Pretence,
Can cloud their Reason, or pervert their Sense.
Unmov'd they stand, superior to a Train
Of Cobweb Arguments, and Schemes prophane.
The Path of Immortality pursue,
Retaining still the glorious Point in View;
'Til (Life's probationary Mazes trod)
They by a calm Transition soar to GOD.
Such sov'reign Bliss attends the humble Mind,
By Truth enlighten'd, and by Grace refin'd.
But can the *Sceptick Subtilty* of Man
Explain how Truth supports the *modern Plan*,
Which certain Wits notoriously advance,
That universal Nature sprung from *Chance*?
That passive Matter, volatile and free,
Derives Existence from Eternity;
No other Model or Impression took,
Than what their *Chance-Formation* blindly struck:
That on the Basis of th'*Atomic Scheme*,
The mighty Structure of this beauteous Frame
Indissoluble stands.——That Nature's Voice
Alone determines, and directs our Choice;
That no superior Providence presides
O'er Human Policy, affects or guides

The grand Machine of Life.——That Nature's Laws
Suppose no prior, self-existent *Cause*:
That Death annihilates our vital Frame,
And all HEREAFTER's but an empty Name.——
Ye *Advocates* declare how Truth agrees
With Doctrines so irrational as these:
Inconceivable to Human Sense,
And [illegible] Defence.
That there's a GOD, all Nature cries aloud!
All Ages have this [illegible]'d:
All Nations hail his [illegible] Sway,
Grand Source of Life [illegible] Spring of endless Day!
Grave Science, Reason [illegible] join,
To prove this *Truth* [illegible]
What dire Infatuation [illegible],
Incorrigible Zeal in[illegible]
Of the obdurate *Sceptic*
To censure all Things [illegible]
Dark is th'Enquiry, [illegible]
That proves abortive of [illegible]potence.
Blind is the Genius, and obscure the Eye,
That can't his Sov'reign Attributes descry
Whether in Nature's Road I musing stray,
And thro' terrestrial Scenes pursue my Way;
Or, more intent, in Speculation rise,
To trace the brighter Volume of the Skies;
One sov'reign *Cause*, one infinite *Supreme*,
Great, inexhaustible, transcendent Theme,
My mental Pow'rs discern.——From Pole to Pole,
Eternal Wisdom shines, and rules the Whole.
Could finite Sense the Prospect still pursue,
What boundless Scenes of Wonder, ever new,
Would strike the Soul!——But let the humble Mind
Possess the Sphere that Nature has assign'd:
With diffident Humility, explore
The Demonstrations of Almighty Pow'r.
From every Scene Conviction will arise,
To fill the Soul with Rev'rence and Surprize.
As from Omipotence Creation sprung;
As by his Pow'r the glitt'ring Orbs were hung;
To whom all Being, as its *Centre* tends,
Whose copious Hand all Nature comprehends;
So to his providential Care we owe
The daily Blessings that around us flow.
'Tis that, alone, secures us 'midst the Strife,
The Snares, the Woes, the Hurricanes of Life.
Superintends the universal Plan;
Confirms, or disconcerts, the Schemes of Man:
Preserves the Order of this beauteous Frame,
Daily inverted, yet thro' Time the same.
Ye accidental Progeny of *Chance*,
Deep read in Scientific Ignorance,
Exert your Penetration, to unfold
The Laws in Nature's Register enroll'd.
Of Secondary Causes trace the Chain,
Define the System, and each Link explain,
Say, whence such Order, Harmony, Design,
But from superior Pow'r, and Skill divine?
Here might the Muse the Force of Reason try,
And prove those Truths you impiously deny:
But raise th'illustrious *Exile* to her Throne,
And deign to make th'important Task your own;
At least, so far your Prejudices quit,
As to peruse what *Wollaston* has writ.
Th'opprobrious *Atheist*, Truth's eternal Foe,
Declines t'unravel what he dreads to know.
Is there a GOD!——He shudders at the Thought!
Tempted to doubt, he soon believes it not.
The dire Delusion eager to embrace,
He pleads his *Nostrums* with a solemn Face;
'Gainst Truth and Reason wages the Dispute,
Intent to baffle, tho' he can't confute.
Grown more prophane, Religion he defies,
Both in its sacred, and its moral Ties;
Proves, by inveterate Rules, there is no GOD,
No Pow'r superior to his native Clod.
With little Wit, small Judgment, and less Grace,
He strives the sacred Canon to debase.
But all his Arguments prove Foils at last,
And only brighten what they wou'd o'ercast.
Unhappy Mortal! (on Destruction bent,
Resolv'd to prove it in its full Extent;)
One dreadful Period will thy Steps await,
And bring Conviction, tho' (I fear) too late.

Fall

Left as the ſcenſent Pleaſures glide away,
Each fleeting Moment haſtens on the Day.
It comes!——The King of Terrors meets thy View.
Deſpair ſucceeds, and Horrors pale enſue.
What can'ſt thou anſwer in this fatal Hour,
Beneath the Dread of this ſeverire Pow'r?
Ten thouſand Worlds thou freely could'ſt impart,
To bribe the Tyrant, and avert his Dart.
Dire Apprehenſions ſtrike thee with Surprize,
And boding Fears with ev'ry Thought ariſe,
Hope diſappears, internal Comforts die,
And all denote the fatal *Criſis* nigh.
——How dreadful muſt his Diſſolution be,
Thus launching forth into Eternity,
Who views with Horror what he diſbeliev'd,
And finds himſelf eternally deceiv'd!
Not ſo the pious Soul, who views the Scene
With ſilent Tranſport, and with Hope ſerene,
By Faith anticipates the Joys above,
And meets th'Embraces of redeeming Love;
Exulting, quits her Vehicle of Clay,
And to celeſtial Manſions wings her Way.
Where pure *Beatitude* exalted ſhines;
Where glorious Plans, and infinite Deſigns,
[illegible] proclaim [illegible] Muſe forbear,
Deſcription cannot reach an immortal Sphere.
What human Elocution can diſplay,
Or ſing the Glories of eternal Day?
Should we ſuppoſe the *Atheiſtick* Scheme,
That Hereafter is an airy Dream,
What can they ſo ſtrenuouſly defend?
Why with ſuch elaborate Zeal contend?
[illegible] purchaſe at [illegible]
[illegible] really *gain'd*, that we have *loſt*?
[illegible] Truth's immutable Decree
[illegible] cannot ceaſe to *be*?
[illegible] ſhall for ever know
Tranſcendent Pleaſure, or conſummate Woe?
Its Happineſs exalted and refin'd,
As it reſembles the Eternal Mind;
In juſt Proportion, all its Woes intenſe,
As it laments that *Sov'reign Excellence*
If there are Truths analagous to Thought,
By Reaſon aſſerted, and by Reaſon taught,
What perfect Bliſs ſhall virtuous Minds attain,
What Woe attend the Vicious and Profane?
[illegible] the wide Diſparity expreſs?
[illegible]
If this an extended Scene of Human Race,
The various Syſtems of Belief we trace,
Something analagous to *Truth* appears
In all, and each the ſacred Name reverers,
But the mere Shadow of the *Sceptick Plan*
Speaks it approbrious both to GOD and Man.
No *Sov'reign Truths* its Principles contain;
No Charms exhibit our Aſſent to gain:
Reaſon labours to ſpeak in its Defence;
What is't then? *A Rope of Cawwon Senſe.*
All other Syſtems in this *Truth* unite,
That there's one *Sov'reign* Principle of Light:
All other Schemes ſome Happineſs propoſe,
And each diſplays the Bleſſing it beſtows.
But *Virtues* nor *Truth*, nor *Reaſon* we deſcry,
In Happineſs ſublime eludes the Eye,
Where Falſhood and Impiety preſide.
What Virtues warm us, or what Precepts guide?
Dark is the Proſpect ſuch a Scene diſplays,
We grope aſtoniſh'd in the gloomy Maze;
Where no delicious Promiſes invite,
No Hopes inſpire us, and no Joys invite.
Surprizing, that a Syſtem ſo prophane,
So falſely ſchem'd, ſhou'd Proſelytes obtain?
Of all the ſacred Promiſes that charm
The pious Soul, and mortal Cares diſarm;
Of all the pleaſing Hopes whereby we climb
Celeſtial Heights, and taſte of Bliſs ſublime;
Of an *Exiſtence* glorify'd and pure
Which thro' eternal Ages ſhall endure,
It robs the Mind; and in Return we ſhare
Annihilation, Horror and Deſpair!
How light the Ballance, let all ſuch deſide,
Who deign to make impartial *Truth* their Guide.
What anxious Doubts, what ſecret Pangs annoy
The impious Wretch, and vanquiſh all his Joy!
He ſhuns the Thought of Immortality,
Yet ſtarts to think he cannot *always be*.
This dark Reflection damps his gayeſt Hour,
And ſtrikes Reluctance thro' his vital Pow'rs.
But if one *erring* Thought ſuch Dread excite,
How muſt he tremble, could he *think aright*?
O Thou, whoſe brighter Virtues I revere,
Thou juſt Preceptor, and thou Friend ſincere;
Whoſe comprehenſive Thought maturely weighs
What Life exhibits, or what Senſe conveys;

Say, whence the Cauſes that Mankind divide,
Proceed they not from Ignorance or Pride?
By that ſurrounded, we no *Truths* diſcern;
Prompted by *this*, we rarely ſtoop to learn.
Hence Error, Falſhood, and miſ-guided Zeal,
Depreciate *Reaſon*, and o'er Truth prevail.
Hence the imperious, ſelf-important Thought,
Too wiſe to know, too lofty to be taught.
Hence gloomy Prejudice, the grand Barrier
To purer Reaſon, and to Science clear.
Hence all the ſenſeleſs Forms, and myſtic Snares,
Of errant Fools, and crafty Viſionairs.——
Here let me ceaſe, the dark Detail would tire
The friendly Muſe, and damp her glowing Fire.
Few ſeek for Truth, and fewer come compar'd
With Diſpoſitions worthy her Regard.
Is there a Soul the Senſe of Virtue warms?
On it ſhe beams the Luſtre of her Charms.
Such, tho' it falls, no Evil ſhall ſuſtain,
But riſe with double Energy again.
As when we trip, our ſluggiſh Pace we mend,
And ſtricter Views, our future Steps attend.
Fain wou'd the Muſe her Inclination ſooth,
And here expatiate on the Charms of Truth;
But conſcious ſo divine a Theme [illegible]
[illegible]
She therefore bleſs [illegible]
[illegible] copy [illegible] her Charms [illegible]

[illegible]

Perſ.

AM very [illegible] young Gentlemen of Fortune and Quality [illegible] Diverſions, that they neglect all thoſe Improvements of Wiſdom and Knowledge which may make them eaſy to themſelves and uſeful to the World. The greateſt Part of our Youth loſe their Figure and grow out of Faſhion by that Time they are five and twenty. As ſoon as the natural Gaiety and Amiableneſs of the young Man wears off, they have nothing left to recommend them, but *die by* the reſt of their Lives among the Lumber and Refuſe of the Species. It ſometimes happens indeed, that for want of applying themſelves in due Time to the Purſuits of Knowledge, they take up a Book in their declining Years, and grow very hopeful Scholars by that Time they are threeſcore. I muſt therefore earneſtly preſs your Readers, who are in the Flower of their Youth, to labour at thoſe Accompliſhments which may ſet off their Perſons when their Bloom is gone, and to *lay in* timely Proviſions *for* Manhood and old Age. In ſhort, I would adviſe the Youth of fifteen to be dreſſing up every Day the Man of fifty, or to conſider how to make himſelf venerable at Threeſcore.

Young Men, who are naturally ambitious, would do well to obſerve how the greateſt Men of Antiquity made it their Ambition to excel all their Contemporaries in Knowledge. *Julius Cæſar* and *Alexander*, the moſt celebrated Inſtances of Human Greatneſs, took a particular Care to diſtinguiſh themſelves by their Skill in the Arts and Sciences. We have ſtill extant ſeveral Remains of the former, which juſtify the Character given of him by the learned Men of his own Age. As for the latter, it is a known Saying of his, that he was more obliged to *Ariſtotle* who had inſtructed him, than to *Philip* who had given him Life and Empire. There is a Letter of his recorded by *Plutarch* and *Aulus Gellius*, which he wrote to *Ariſtotle* upon hearing that he had publiſhed thoſe Lectures he had given him in private. This Letter was written in the following Words, at a Time when he was in the Height of his *Perſian* Conqueſts.

Alexander *to* Ariſtotle, *Greeting.*

'YOU have not done well to publiſh your Books of Select Knowledge; for what is there now in which I can ſurpaſs others, if 'thoſe Things which I have been inſtructed in are communicated to every 'Body? For my own Part I declare to you, I would rather excel others 'in Knowledge than Power. *Farewell.*'

We ſee by this Letter, that the Love of Conqueſt was but the ſecond Ambition in *Alexander's* Soul. Knowledge is indeed that which, next to Virtue, truly and eſſentially raiſes one Man above another. It finiſhes one Half of the Human Soul. It makes Being pleaſant to us, fills the Mind with entertaining Views, and adminiſters to it a perpetual Series of Gratifications. It gives Eaſe to Solitude, and Gracefulneſs to Retirement. It fills a publick Station with ſuitable Abilities, and adds a Luſtre to thoſe who are in the Poſſeſſion of them.

Learning, by which I mean all uſeful Knowledge, whether Speculative or Practical, is in popular and mixt Governments the natural Source of Wealth and Honour. If we look into moſt of the Reigns from the Conqueſt, we ſhall find that the Favourites of each Reign have been thoſe who have raiſed themſelves. The greateſt Men are generally the Growth of that particular Age in which they flouriſh. A ſuperior Capacity for Buſineſs, and a more extenſive Knowledge, are the Steps by which a new Man often mounts to Favour, and outſhines the reſt of his Contemporaries. But when Men are actually born to Eſtates, it is almoſt impoſſible that they ſhould fail of receiving an additional Greatneſs, if they take Care to accompliſh themſelves for it.

The Story of *Solomon's* Choice does not only inſtruct us in that Point of Hiſtory, but furniſhes out a very fine Moral to us, namely, that he who applies his Heart to Wiſdom, does at the ſame Time take the moſt proper Method for gaining long Life, Riches and Reputation, which are very often not only the Rewards, but the Effects of Wiſdom.

As it is very ſuitable to my preſent Subject, I ſhall firſt of all quote this Paſſage in the Words of ſacred Writ, and afterwards mention an Allegory, in which this whole Paſſage is repreſented by a famous *French* Poet: Not queſtioning but it will be very pleaſing to ſuch of your Readers as have a Taſte of fine Writing.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a Dream by Night: And God ſaid, Aſk what I ſhall give thee. And Solomon ſaid, Thou haſt ſhewed unto thy

... servant David, my father, great Mercy, according as he walked before thee in Truth, and in Righteousness, and in Uprightness of Heart with thee, and thou hast kept for him this great Kindness, that thou hast given him a Son to sit on his Throne, as it is this Day. And now, O Lord, my God, thou hast made thy Servant King instead of David my Father: And I am but a little Child; I know not how to go out or come in. Give therefore thy Servant an understanding Heart to judge thy People, that I may discern between good and bad! For who is able to judge this thy so great a People? And the Speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this Thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this Thing, and hast not asked for thy self long Life, neither hast asked Riches for thy self, nor hast asked the Life of thine Enemies, but hast asked for thy self Understanding, to discern Judgment; Behold I have done according to thy Words: Lo I have given thee a wise and understanding Heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both Riches and Honour, so that there shall not be any among the Kings like unto thee all thy Days. And if thou wilt walk in my Ways, to keep my Statutes and my Commandments, as thy Father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy Days. And Solomon awoke, and behold it was a Dream.——

The *French* Poet has shadowed this Story in an Allegory, of which he seems to have taken the Hint from the Fable of the three Goddesses appearing to *Paris*, or rather from the Vision of *Hercules*, recorded by *Xenophon*, where *Pleasure* and *Virtue* are represented as real Persons making their Court to the Hero with all their several Charms and Allurements. Health, Wealth, Victory and Honour are introduced successively in their proper Emblems and Characters, each of them spreading her Temptations, and recommending herself to the young Monarch's Choice. Wisdom enters the last, and so captivates him with her Appearance, that he gives himself up to her. Upon which she informs him, that those who appeared before her were nothing else but her Equipage, and that since he had placed his Heart upon Wisdom, Health, Wealth, Victory and Honour should always wait on her as her Handmaids.

ROME, *April* 10.

THE Pope has issued Orders to raise two more Companies of Horse and one of Foot to be employed along the Coast of the See of Rome in the Mediterranean, on the same Footing as those upon the Coast of the Adriatick, to prevent any Descent which the Pirates of Barbary may attempt. On the 3d Instant publick Prayers were made for three Days successively, on Account of the continual Rains, by which the Tyber has overflowed for a second Time the lower Parts of this City, and occasioned very considerable Damages, not only in those lower Parts, but also in all the Country adjacent.

Rome, April 11. A Civil Officer has been committed to Prison for holding Correspondence with the Thieves who have lately committed several Robberies in this Capital. There have been found at his House 2070 Sequins, a large Quantity of Gold Lace, several Watches, and other stolen Effects.

Vienna, April 17. The Veldt-Marshal Prince Lobkowitz, to whom the Empress-Queen has given the Command of the Imperial Troops in Hungary, is preparing to set out for that Kingdom; where the Diet of the States will open their Session To-morrow, when the Election of a Palatine of that Kingdom, in the Room of Count Palfy, will be brought upon the Tapis, and must be decided by the Majority of Votes. It is said, that after the Arrival of their Imperial Majesties, a Proposal will be made to the Diet to augment the national Troops to 60,000 effective Men, on Order, in Times of War, to employ half of them in the Field, and the rest for the Preservation of the Kingdom.

Petersburg, April 18. The Ministers of the Court of Vienna and the Maritime Powers, continue to have frequent Conferences with our Ministry, on the Affairs of the North, and about the Means of maintaining Peace on a solid and lasting Basis. 'Tis pretended there is a Plan already drawn up for this Purpose, and that it is agreed the Troops of Russia and Sweden shall provisionally withdraw from the Frontiers of Finland, 'till the finishing Hand be put to the Treaty of Accommodation which some affirm to be on the Tapis; but this last Particular wants Confirmation.

Nice, April 18. The late continual Rains have swelled the Var to such a Degree, that it overflowed a few Days ago all the Fields in the Neighbourhood of this Town; many Houses and Abundance of Trees have been carried away by this Flood, and the Labour of the Husbandmen is destroyed in many Places.

From Oneglia we have Advice, that the Overflowing of the Impero has done much more Damage; This Inundation has swept away all the Vineyards round about that Town, ruined the ploughed Lands, and carried away or demolished many Houses. The Bridges have likewise been destroyed by it, particularly that of Assio, which was one of the best. These Advices add, that on the 15th of last Month in the Night, twelve Merchantmen were lost between Oneglia Port Maurice, and the following Days several other Ships were cast away along the Coast, towards Final and Savona.

LONDON, *May* 1.

Letters from different Parts of Spain agree, that they are uncommonly diligent in augmenting their Marine; that four Men of War will shortly set Sail from Cadiz to Vera Cruz with European Goods, and bring over the Treasure from thence; and that several Merchants having demanded Permission to freight Ships for the West-Indies, the Court denied their Request, alledging that it was not convenient at this Juncture.

The Number of Barbary Corsairs daily increase in the Mediterranean; and Advices from Tunis, Algiers, and Tripoli, bring, that they are fitting out several more, which will soon be ready to put to Sea. These Pirates will render Navigation perilous, and greatly prejudice Commerce, if some Means be not found out to extirpate them. We yet flatter ourselves that Spain, Portugal, and some of the Powers in Italy, will powerfully arm, in Order to give Chace to those Rovers.

Letters from Hanover advise, that they continue to raise Recruits with the utmost Diligence, all their Regiments being ordered to be compleated before the End of next Month. They likewise tells us, that all the Rivers in that Electorate, have overtopt their Banks, and done a vast deal of Damage both in Town and Country.

From Berlin they write, that their Officers are setting out successively for their respective Posts.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Williamsburg, August 22, 1751.

WHEREAS I intend to sail for *England* in about a Month, I hereby give Notice to all Persons whose Accounts have been due longer than the usual Time of Credit, that if they do not discharge them before my Departure, I shall leave their Accounts in an Attorney's Hands, with Orders to prosecute immediately.

John Hoe.

Norfolk Borough, *August* 4, 1751.

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons, who have any Demands against the Estate of Capt. *Samuel Rogers* deceas'd, to send in their respective Accounts to the Subscribers in *Norfolk* Borough, in Order to have them noted, and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to discharge their Accounts, to prevent Trouble from

John Tucker,
Nicholas Worgett, } Executors.

Charles-City, August 20, 1751.

RAN away from the Subscriber, Two Negroe Men, viz. *Benny*, is lusty and well-set, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, Cock-eyed, and stammers a little before he answers, when spoken to; he is a subtil Fellow, pretends to many Occupations, has been absent 20 Months, and is supposed to be lurking in *King & Queen*; but is well acquainted with the Country.

The other, named *Amos*, imported into *James* River in *September* 1749, but speaks pretty good *English*; he has been used to sawing in the Pit, by which he has a large Cut across his right Hand; he is about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, well-set, and supposed to be in *York* County among his Countrymen.

Whoever delivers the said Negroes to me, shall have for the first, besides what the Law allows, Five Pistoles Reward, if taken out of this Colony Ten; and for the last (*Amos*) One Pistole.

William Eaglestone.

Prince George County, *August* 23, 1751.

To be SOLD on the first Monday *in* October,

A Large Number of Negroe Slaves, likewise sundry Houshold Goods, Stocks of Cattle, &c.

Thomas Eldridge.

THE Subscriber gives Notice, That he intends to leave this Colony.

Andrew Buchanan.

Williamsburg, August 22, 1751.

THE Subscriber intending for *England* early in the Spring, or sooner if possible, desires all Persons indebted to him in any Kind as to make speedy Payments, in Order to enable him to discharge his Debts.

John Greenhow.

AN honest industrious Man, who is willing to ride about the Country, may hear of Employment by applying to the Printer.

Lunenburg, Aug. 22, 1751.

THIS is to give NOTICE,

THAT Attendance will be given (God willing) as follows, in Order to survey the enter'd Lands in the *Fork* of *Roanoke* River.

To meet at Mr. *Joseph Morton's*, on *Sandy* River of *Dan*, in Order to survey there, and on the adjacent Branches the 10th Day of *October*.

The 15th, on *Leatherwood* Creek, and the Waters thereabouts.

The 20th, on *Peter's* Creek, and the Waters thereabouts.

The 25th, on *Smith's* River, and *Cascade* Creek, and to work down *Dan* and the Branches of *Sandy* River regularly.

The 10th of *November*, on the lower *Double* Creek, and the Waters near it.

The 20th, on *Burche's* Creek.

The 1st of *December*, to meet at Mr. *Terry's* Plantation, on *Sandy* Creek of *Banister* River, to survey on said Creek and River, and all the adjacent Branches, working downwards 'til *Christmas*.

Attendance will also be given the 7th of *October*, on *Pig* and *Black Water* Rivers, and the adjacent Branches of *Stanton* River, to meet for that Purpose at Mr. *Nicholas Hoskins's*, and to continue thereabouts 'til the End of *October*. To be at Mr. *Benjamin Garner's* about the 2d of *November*, to survey down *Stanton* and its Branches. To meet at Mr. *Luke Smith's*, off *Allen's* Creek, the 12th of *November*, to survey on said Creek, on *Banister*, *Strawberry* Creek, and the adjacent Waters, and to continue on and between *Banister* and *Stanton*, surveying downwards 'til *Christmas*.

All Persons are desir'd to give due Attendance, on Penalty of forfeiting their respective Rights.

Peter Fontaine, Jun. Surveyor, S. D. L.
Sher. Walton, } Assistants.
Wm. Stith, }

King William County, *August* 18, 1751.

RAN away from the Subscriber, a short Negroe Fellow, named *Stepney*; he has a Sailor's and Negroe's Dress, a large Scar on his Temple, occasioned by a Burn, speaks thick and stutters; he may pretend to be a free Negroe, having been with me in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *New* and *Old Spain*, *Portugal*, and the *West-Indies*; he was my Cabbin-Boy at first. Whoever brings him to me, shall have Two Pistoles Reward, besides what the Law allows.

Thomas Donsie.

N. B. All Masters of Vessels are strictly forbid carrying him out of the Country.

August 21, 1751.

CAME to the Subscribers Plantation, near *Proctor's*, near the *Falls* of *James* River, a dark Bay Mare, with a Switch Tail and Black Mane, branded on the near Buttock R. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying the Charge of this Advertisement.

Edward Friend.

Williamsburg, August 24, 1751.

WHEREAS *Martha Beasley* my Wife hath absented herself from me, and goes about scandalizing my Character, and threatening, that she or some of her Associates will, if possible, swear away my Life; and as I am really of Opinion she has lost her Senses! These are therefore to forewarn all Persons from harbouring or trusting her on my Account, for I will not pay any Debt she shall contract, from the Date hereof.

William Beasley.

THESE are to certify the Public, That the Subscriber keeps a Tavern on the *Ridge* Road, in *Caroline* County, that leads from *Fredericksburg* to *Williamsburg*, which is accounted some Miles the nearest Way from several of the Northern Counties to *Williamsburg*. All Gentlemen that will be pleas'd to favour me with their Company, may depend on good Accommodations, and kind and civil Treatment, for themselves, Servants, and Horses, from

Their humble Servant,
George Keeling.

IMPORTED in the *Dutchess of Beaufort*, and now at the Subscriber's Store in *York*, a Chest mark'd & N° 1 to 12, No. 1. The Owner may have it paying the Charge of this Advertisement.

Robert Shedden.

TO be SOLD, at the *Swan* Tavern, in *York* Town, a neat Chariot and Harness, by

James Mitchell.

ON *Friday* the 26th of *September* next, at *Williamsburg* Town, will be sold, at publick Auction, the Dwelling-house, Kitchen, Smoak-house, Brick Stable, and other Out-houses, with Kitchen-hold Goods, formerly belonging to Mr. *William Hopkins*. Six Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond and Security, to

Philip Rootes.

Appomattox, July 22, 1751.

ON the 8th Day of *October* next will be Sold to the highest Bidder, at *Conjurer's Neck*, in *Prince George* County, *Turkey Island* Tract of Land in this County, with Two Tracts on *Rocky River*, 400 Acres each; and one on *Difficult Creek* near 400 Acres without any Improvements; on *Poison Creek* 222 Acres, at the Mouth of *Rocky River* 177 Acres, and *Archer's Hope*, on *Nottoway River*, 200 Acres, with various Improvements on the above-mentioned Tracts.

On the second Tuesday in *September* will be Sold, at *Prince George* Court-house, like-wise a valuable Plantation, containing 334 Acres, within half a Mile of *Blackford's* Landing, on *Appomattox River*, and in *St. Martin's Brandon* Parish, within two Miles of *Jordan's* Landing, another Plantation, containing 250 Acres, Six Months Credit will be allowed the Purchaser giving Bond and Security, as afore.

As I intend to go for *Great Britain* so soon as my Affairs will permit, I desire all Persons to whom I am accountable, to come and discharge them, or give Bond for the same Accounts open on my Books, to come and discharge them, or give Bond for the same, and that within two Months from this Date, if they would oblige

Hugh Millers.

Williamsburg, August 25, 1751.

STRAYED about a Year ago from the Subscriber, living in *Louisa* County, a small Sorrel Horse, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock W, paces, and trots; he has a white Spot on his Back paces well, was bred by *Daniel Singleton*, in *Orange* County, near the Foot of the *Lime Mountain*, and some Time belong'd to Mr. *George Gibbs*, near the Foot of the said Mountain. Whoever brings the said Horse to me, on *Orange River*, in *King William* County, shall have Three Pistoles Reward; and Ten Pistoles upon Conviction of the Person who stole him.

Thomas Barret.

Strayed from the Subscriber, about three Weeks ago, a middle-siz'd light Grey Horse, branded on the near Buttock with a Horse-shoe, and is suppos'd to be gone towards *Charles-City*, as he formerly belong'd to Mr. *William Burton*, Merchant there. Whoever brings him to me, shall have a Pistole Reward.

Walter Boyd.

To be Let, and Entered on immediately,

THE Tavern lately kept by Mr. *James Shields* in *Williamsburg*, with all convenient Out-houses.

Henry Waterburn.

Williamsburg, August 8, 1751.

RAN away from the Subscriber, this Morning, a Servant Man, named *Anthony Weatherall*, who was condemned last *June* Court for Felony, (he was pardoned by his Honour the President, and bought by the Subscriber) he is a middle-siz'd Fellow, had on when he went away, one Pair of Osnabrig Trowsers, one of them patched on the Knee, a Beaver Hat bound round the Brim with the same and cock'd up with Twine; he is suppos'd to be gone toward *Lunenburg*, or *North-Carolina*. Whoever apprehends and brings him to me, shall have a Pistole Reward.

John Lear, K. P. G.

To be RUN for, at LEEDS *Town,*

ON the third *Wednesday* in *September*, the best of three, three Mile Heats, a Purse of about Thirty Seven Pistoles Value, by Subscribers only.

The next Day a Purse of about of Ninty Pounds Value, by any Horse, Mare, &c. that has not already won one of them, the best of Three, four Mile Heats, each Horse carrying ten Stone. A Non-Subscriber to pay Ten Pistoles Entrance-Money, or by no Means be entitled to any Part of the Purse or Stakes; which Entrance-Money is to be for the Subscribers Horse; Every Horse that runs must be shewn at *Leeds* Town, and entered the Wednesday Sennight before the Race Day, and the Entrance-Money paid, &c. &c.

N. B. There is also a Ferry kept at the said Town, where all Gentlemen may depend on meeting with Quick Dispatch, being provided with good Boats for Horse and Foot.

Mark Talbott.

July 23, 1751.

RAN away from the Subscribers, living in *Williamsburg*, Two Servant Men, viz. *John Lisny*, about 6 Feet high, with a bald Head, the Point of his Nose is remarkably Red, he speaks broad and slow; had on when he went away, a Ruffia Drab Coat, a white Jacket, light coloured Camblet Breeches, and mixed coloured Stockings. *Henry Morrison*, an *Irishman*, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high; had on when he went away a dark coloured Coat and Breeches, a brown Holland Jacket, a white Shirt, and brown Thread Stockings: Carried with him a Gun. They are both Shoemakers by Trade, and it's suppos'd are gone to the *Northward*.

Whoever secures and conveys them to us, in *Williamsburg*, shall have Two Pistoles Reward for each, besides what the Law allows.

William Wilcocks
James Taylor.

Prince George County, *August* 3, 1751.

RAN away from his Majesty's Ship *Terror*, *Matthew Whitewell*, Esq; Commander, lying at *Norfolk*, on the 24th Day of *July* last, an *Irish* Convict Servant Man, belonging to the Subscriber, named *James Keys*, alias *Murphy*, a Joiner by Trade; he is a slender-made, smooth-faced Fellow, with a down Look, about 5 Feet 5 Inches high, talks with the *Irish* Accent very much; had on when he went away a blue Broad-cloth Frock, with Metal Buttons, a green Silk Jacket, with Gold Buttons and Vellum Holes; he had both white and check'd Shirts, Thread and Worsted Stockings, a Hat, and a dark bob Wig: He ran away some Time in *April* last, and was apprehended in *Carolina*, and it is supposed has taken the same Road again.

Whoever will apprehend and convey him to me, in *Prince George*, or Messrs. *Watson* and *Cumus* Merchants in *Suffolk*, shall have Two Pistoles Reward if taken in *Virginia*, and Four if taken in *Carolina* or *Maryland*, besides what the Law allows.

Charles Neilson.

Mr. HUNTER,

AS I am about an Abridgment of the new Laws, the Copy of which will be compleats by the General Court; I have been prevailed on to print it, if I have a Prospect of saving myself, though the Treatment I met from the Subscribers to the last had determined me never to be again concerned in an Undertaking of the like Kind. You must be sensible that near 2000 of that Edition were left upon my Hands by the Subscribers, after they were not only printed but bound, so that besides fifteen Years Interest of 400 and odd Pounds which that Edition cost me, I have not only lost all my own Labour but am above 30 Pounds out of Pocket, I therefore propose,

That the Abridgment shall be printed on as good a Paper, and with as good a Letter as the last, and be well bound in Calf, and lettered on the Back.

That every Act of Assembly shall be abridged under its proper Head; but where any Act contains different Matter, such Part or Parts of it, as relate to every distinct Matter shall be abridged under several and distinct Heads.

That there shall be annexed Tables of the Powers and Authorities given to, and the Injunctions laid on every County Court, Justice of the Peace, and every Officer whatsoever in this Colony, with the Penalties inflicted on every Breach of Duty.

That proper Tables shall be added to render the Whole complete.

That a Subscriber to pay a Piece of Eight upon subscribing, for which a Receipt will be given, and a Note to deliver a Book on the Payment of Five Shillings more.

If 400 Persons subscribe by the last of the next General Court, the Copy shall be sent by the first Ship to *London*, to be printed, in which Case I make no Doubt but the Books will be ready to be delivered to the Subscribers next Summer.

As the Disappointment I have already met with, will be a sufficient Caution to me not to print a greater Number than are subscribed for: All Persons willing to subscribe are desired to send their Names, and Places of Abode, to the next General Court; where constant Attendance will be given, at my Lodgings, to deliver out Receipts.

When the Books are ready to be delivered to the Subscribers Notice will be given of it in the *Virginia Gazette*, and continued for some Time, and the Books may be had at my House; but if any of the Subscribers fail to produce their Receipts, and demand their Books fifteen Months after Publication of such Notice, what Books are then left will be disposed of to any Person that will purchase them, and the Subscribers will lose their Subscription Money.

I purpose, as long as I live, to abridge the Laws of every succeeding Session, as a Continuation, which shall be sold at the lowest Price it can be afforded, in which I shall particularly noted every Act and Clause that is from Time to Time altered or repealed, and all new Powers and Authorities given to, or Injunctions laid on Courts or Officers.

John Mercer.

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Wyanoake, August 31, 1751.

RAN away from the Subscribers, on *Sunday* the 4th Instant, a likely well-set *Virginia*-born Negro Fellow, named *Ned* (it's suppos'd he will change his Name) about 28 Years of Age, has a small Spot on his Chin whiter than the rest of his Face, he is about 5 Feet 9 Inches high; had on when he went away, a blue Double-breasted Jacket, with slash'd Sleeves and Pewter Buttons, a Pair of green Cloth Breeches, and took with him a Chest; it's suppos'd he is gone to the *Northward*, or *Norfolk*, as he has some Time since threatened he would go on Board some Vessel.

Whoever will bring him to me, in *Wyanoake*, shall have Two Pistoles Reward, besides what the Law allows; and if taken out of *Virginia* Three Pistoles.

t. f.

Henry Harrison, Jun.

Williamsburg, July 30, 1751.

AS the Subscriber intends to depart this Colony for *England*, in about 6 Weeks, he desires all Persons that have any Demands against him, to come immediately and receive them, and all Persons that are indebted to him, to Mr. *John King* of *Williamsburg*, or to *Harmar* and *King*, are required to discharge the same immediately, or their Accounts will be delivered into an Attorney's Hands, with Orders to prosecute without Delay.

Walter King.

STRAY'D or stolen from the Subscriber, in *Newcastle* Town, the 24th Day of *June* last, a small white Horse, branded on the near Buttock, a Square with a Cross in the Middle, paces very well, about 10 Years old; with a Bridle, and a large *Virginia* stage hunting Saddle with Leather Housing. Whoever will give Intelligence of the said Horse and Saddle, so that I may get them again, shall have half a Pistole Reward, paid by

John [illegible]

To be SOLD, by Way of AUCTION, to the highest Bidder,

FIVE Lots and a Half, lying in *Richmond* Town, in *Henrico* County, near *Shore's* Warehouses; the said Lots are well built upon and improved with good Dwelling-Houses, Kitchen, Garden, Store-House, &c. The Purchaser will be allowed until the 10th Day of *April* next to pay the Purchase Money, giving Bond and Security. And the Sale to be upon the Premisses, the last *Friday* in *August*, 1751.

Joseph Hopkins.

York, July 23, 1751.

THE Subscribers having lately brought in a good Assortment of Hairs, give Notice, that they are settled at *York* Town, where they will serve any Gentleman that shall please to employ them, with good Wigs, after the newest Fashion.

t. f.

Robert Wilson.
Robert Fowler.

To be SOLD, by the Subscriber, living in Prince George *County, on the Premisses,*

FOURTEEN Hundred Acres of Land, containing both valuable high and low Grounds, affords good Water, good Pasturage, and is well timber'd with white Oak, Pine and Poplar, whereon are three good Plantations, in good Order for Planting; and the Manor Plantation in a very handsome Situation, with the following Improvements, viz. One Dwelling-house 38 by 25, containing 4 Rooms and 4 Closets, with 2 Brick Chimneys, plaister'd and white-wash'd, also another Dwelling-house 38 by 20, with a Stack of Chimneys in the Middle, 2 Rooms on a Floor, and a large Closet, plaister'd and white-wash'd, a good Dairy, Meat-house, Smoak-house, Kitchen, Quarter, Spinning-house with a Brick Chimney, one 40 and one 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, a large well fix'd Store, with several other convenient Houses and Orchards; and on each of the other Plantations are two 32 Feet Tobacco Houses, an Overseer's House, and Negroe Quarters, likewise Orchards, and good Water.

Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to the Subscriber on the Premisses.

t. f.

Thomas Eldridge.

RAN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, in *Prince George* County, in *December* last, a Servant Man, named *Ralph Edward Rider*, a Gardner by Trade, and lately belonged to Col. *Nathaniel Harrison*, of *Brandon*; he is a well-set, smooth-faced Fellow, about five Feet five Inches high; has an insinuating, fawning Way of expressing himself, and is much addicted to Lying; an *Englishman* born, and pretends to be a Roman Catholick; had on when he went away, a brownish coloured Coat with Metal Buttons, a Hat, and a brown bob Wig, but sometimes went without a Wig, having short fair Hair; had with him both white and check'd Shirts; and is supposed to be gone to the *Northward*, having been seen in *New-Kent* County some Time after his Elopement.

Whoever takes up and conveys him to me, shall have Five Pistoles Reward, besides what the Law allows.

t. f.

John Hood.

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